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### Effigy Mounds Hosts Special Showings of "Lost Nation: The Ioway"

Effigy Mounds National Monument is pleased to host special showings of "Lost Nation: The Ioway" on Sunday, October 28 from 1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. in honor of Iowa Archeology Month. Showing times of this just released documentary about the Ioway tribe will be at 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. during this free, open-house event. Filmmakers Kelly and Tammy Rundle will be present to discuss and answer questions about the film and refreshments will be served. Park rangers will also be available to discuss the Monument's museum exhibit and the relationship between the mounds and the Ioway tribe. Seating is limited for the film showings and will be on a first-come, first-serve basis for each showing.

This year, Iowa Archeology Month focuses on honoring the Ioway tribe from which this state gets its name. "Lost Nation: The Ioway" tells the dramatic true tale of two brothers' struggle to save their people from inevitable American conquest, and the Ioway's current fight to reclaim and maintain their unique history and culture. The documentary brings together commentary from historians, archeologists, anthropologists, Ioway Elders, along with new footage of historic sites, historical photographs and documents, art from the Smithsonian and other National museums, music, legends, dances, powwows, and reenactments.

In 1824, the two Ioway brothers met with the Superintendent of Indian Affairs, William Clark in Washington, D. C. Though they disagreed on what action to take, they finally signed a treaty ceding a large portion of tribal land for settlement. This action begins a bitter chapter of tribal history dividing the Ioway people. Some regard one brother as a traitor, and the other as a patriot, affecting generations to come. After the tribe was removed from the 36 million acres they called home, they were all but forgotten, but the state still bears their name.

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Other than American Indians, archeologists and historians very few others in the state know much about this tribe that the state of Iowa gets its name from. It is an important story that needed to be told, and "Lost Nation" does a great job capturing the emotion and depth of struggle the Ioway people have endured and the deep scars found just below the surface in today's descendants three generations later.

Kelly and Tammy Rundle, the award winning and critically acclaimed filmmakers of "Villisca: Living with a Mystery," began shooting "Lost Nation" in July 2005. "We hope the film will help to restore this chapter of Iowa's rich heritage to public consciousness," Producer Tammy Rundle said. "We can't change events from long ago, but we think viewers will relate to the courage and perseverance of the Ioway as they struggled with forces that changed their lives forever." To learn more about this film, visit the film website at [www.iowaymovie.com](http://www.iowaymovie.com).

Effigy Mounds National Monument preserves prehistoric American Indian burial and ceremonial mounds, including some in the shape of animals. The Monument's main entrance is located three miles north of Marquette, Iowa and 22 miles south of Waukon, Iowa on HWY 76. For more information, call (563) 873-3491 or visit the park's website at [www.nps.gov/efmo](http://www.nps.gov/efmo).

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